

**RESOLUTION**

**Supporting Ohio Passenger Rail Development and urging the Ohio Congressional Delegation to support the funding necessary to fully participate in this important endeavor.**

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**WHEREAS, the Ohio Rail Development Commission and the Ohio Department of Transportation have completed a preliminary analysis of the feasibility of high-speed passenger rail and increased freight rail capacity in Ohio.**

**WHEREAS, the study concludes the Ohio Hub Plan would strengthen Ohio's position as a strategic distribution and logistics center and position Ohio as an integral part of a national passenger rail system.**

**WHEREAS, high-speed passenger rail service and improved freight rail capacity will create thousands of jobs and increase Ohio's competitiveness through improved transportation.**

**WHEREAS, the Ohio Hub Plan will provide new transportation options for moving people and increasing volumes of freight by improving the region's overall rail system.**

**WHEREAS, this study concludes that high-speed passenger rail is not only feasible, but will attract over three-million riders a year.**

**WHEREAS, a detailed, Tier 1 Environmental Impact Study must be undertaken and completed to determine the route alignments, station locations, environmental impacts, community preferences and costs of building the Ohio Hub System.**

**WHEREAS, the completion of the Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement will establish the Ohio Hub as an official federal transportation project.**

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Board of County Commissioners of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, does hereby request that Ohio's delegation to the United States Congress support Ohio Rail Development Commission's two-year federal earmark request of \$5.8 million to complete a Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement on all feasible passenger rail corridors in Ohio.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we call upon Ohio's Congressional delegation to secure the long-term funding necessary for full federal participation in this important endeavor.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board be, and she is, hereby instructed to transmit a copy of this resolution to Governor Robert Taft; Senator Michael DeWine; each member of the Ohio Congressional Delegation; the Ohio Rail Development Commission and Paul Oyaski, Director, Department of Development.**

**On Motion of Commissioner Hagan, seconded by Commissioner Jones, the foregoing resolution was duly adopted.**

**Ayes: Hagan, Jones, Dimora.**

**Nays: None.**

**Resolution Adopted.**

**Penelope M. Hughes,  
Clerk of the Board**

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